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1. Cesar Tronconi, Third Secretary and Labor Attache at the Argentine Embassy, Habana, Cuba, suddenly left Cuba for Argentina by air about 12 November.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment. According to labor circles, Tronconi was recalled for conference and his sudden departure from Cuba caused considerable surprise.)

2. [REDACTED], Secretary

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General of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) and leader of the Comité Obrero Nacional Independiente (CONI), there is no possibility that Cofino will be tricked into being a tool of Argentina. The [REDACTED] that Cofino is an opportunist and will take advantage of any assistance he can get from the Argentine Embassy, but he will not permit his labor organization to be controlled by Tronconi or any other non-Cuban. Cofino is allegedly aware of Argentina's interest in exercising control over Cuban labor.

3. Jesus Coca Mutis, Assistant CTC Press Secretary, and Octavio Clerch, previously reported as attending a commercial employees' congress in Argentina (cf. [REDACTED] 25X1A2g) apparently are the only two Cuban labor officials who are now in Argentina at the invitation of the Argentine government.

4. One of the most active "Peronistas" in the CONI is Raquel Valladares, Secretary-General of the Woolworth syndicate. [REDACTED] Comment. Valladares accompanied Vicente Rubiera, Independent Labor leader, and his group to Argentina in the spring of 1948.)

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